THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, M|s Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. had applied in Sept. 84 for a letter of intent for setting up an aromatic complex at Barauni, Distt. Begusarai in the State of Bihar. This application was rejected by the Government on the grounds that the feed-stock required for this project has not been tied-up.

Opening of TB Wards in Hospitals in the Capital

687. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government hospitals in the Capital do not admit chronic TB patients who are also suffering from other chronic ailments like heart, liver and kidney related diseases as indoor patients;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that TB hospitals treat only tuberculosis and not other ailments; and

(d) if so, whether Government will consider the proposal to open an exclusive ward in every Central Government hospital in the Capital for admitting TB patients suffering from other diseases also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Patients suffering from other Chest ailments are also treated in Lala Ram Sarup Institute of T.B. and Allied Diseases, New Delhi.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Appointment of Specialists of other Disciplines in T.B. Hospitals

688. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELMARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB hospitals in the Capital do not have the additional services of cardiology, liver, ENT, Surgical, etc. and TB patients suffering from other ailments do not get proper treatment in these hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many TB patients die due to heart or kidney failure, liver malfunctioning, etc. in these TB hospitals;

(c) if so, what is the total number of such patients that died in these hospitals during the last three years and the details of the causes of their death being other than TB; and

(d) whether Government propose to appoint other Specialists also in the TB hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. However, patients suffering from other ailments are referred to other hospitals in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir. The deaths in TB hospitals are due to overwhelming Tuberculosis.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Blindness among Children

689. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: